

Reply to Office Action of September 15, 2009

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method for treating an individual with a mood disorder having at least symptoms ~~one symptom selected from the group consisting~~ of feelings of guilt, suicide, and retardation:psychomotor, each symptom being assessed according to the assessment method by the Hamilton scale, comprising

administering an effective amount of a composition comprising theanine to the individual with the mood disorder in need thereof of treatment,

wherein said mood disorder is distinct from mood disorders associated with menstruation; and

wherein said individual is a normofolatemic patient.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said composition is administered as a food or beverage.

8-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said normofolatemic patient shows a normal folate plasma level of from 3 to 17 ng/ml.